

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on January 12, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 53, HB 68, HB 69, HB 187
Executive Action: None

00:00:02 Call to Order

HEARING ON HB 69

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:49 Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 69, Prohibit modification of exhaust system that increases noise.

(Rep. Kottel arrived)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:08 Bruce Spencer, Montana Association of Automobile Dealers

00:05:07 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association

00:06:13 Brian Bear, Exhaust Worker, Milledge Muffler

00:08:13 John Hazen, Hazen Exhaust

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:14 Rep. Berry

00:10:30 Rep. Barrett

00:11:05 Mr. Bear

00:12:39 Rep. MacDonald

00:13:04 Rep. Driscoll

00:13:37 Mr. Hazen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:56 Rep. Driscoll

HEARING ON HB 53

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:31 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 53, Revise laws regarding transportation of loose material.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:59 Colonel Mike Tooley, Chief, Montana Highway Patrol
00:18:50 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:33 Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association
EXHIBIT(trh06a01)
00:21:38 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County, Musselshell County,
City of Roundup, City of Glendive
00:24:16 Gary Spaeth, Solid Waste Disposal Association
00:26:02 Dave Duffy, General Manager, City County Sanitation
00:29:03 Doug Sparrow, Part Owner, City County Sanitation

Informational Testimony:

00:29:51 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:10 Rep. Kottel
00:30:31 Rep. Washburn
00:30:40 Rep. Kottel
00:30:50 Rep. Washburn
00:30:59 Rep. Kottel
00:31:12 Rep. Washburn
00:31:50 Colonel Tooley
00:32:01 Rep. Kottel
00:32:17 Colonel Tooley
00:32:26 Rep. Kottel
00:32:39 Colonel Tooley
00:33:10 Rep. Berry
00:33:47 Rep. Washburn
00:34:30 Rep. Arntzen
00:34:40 Mr. Flynn
00:34:42 Rep. Arntzen
00:35:05 Mr. Flynn
00:36:05 Rep. Arntzen
00:36:22 Mr. Flynn
00:36:36 Rep. Kottel
00:37:15 Mr. Flynn
00:37:39 Chairman Sonju
00:38:08 Colonel Tooley
00:38:45 Chairman Sonju
00:39:00 Colonel Tooley
00:39:19 Chairman Sonju

00:39:25 Colonel Tooley
00:39:53 Chairman Sonju
00:40:09 Rep. Washburn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:17 Rep. Washburn

HEARING ON HB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:21 Rep. Janna Taylor (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 187, Eliminate charges for motor vehicle registration.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:36 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers
00:46:01 Rep. Scott Mendenhall, HD 77
00:49:08 Bruce Spencer, Montana Association of Automobile Dealers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:49:42 Brenda Nordlund, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:50 Rep. Vance
00:54:29 Ms. Nordlund
00:55:29 Rep. Vance
00:55:39 Ms. Nordlund
00:56:00 Rep. Vance
00:56:03 Ms. Nordlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:20 Rep. Taylor

HEARING ON HB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:45 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 68, Revise stop requirements for bicycles.

(Rep. Roundstone arrived)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:40 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance
01:03:58 Colonel Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol
01:05:10 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association
01:06:24 Mike Griffith

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:09:11 Rep. Vance
01:09:18 Rep. Hamilton
01:09:20 Rep. Vance
01:09:43 Rep. Hamilton
01:10:15 Rep. Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:26 Rep. Hamilton
01:12:16 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

01:13:22 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh06aad.pdf](#))